

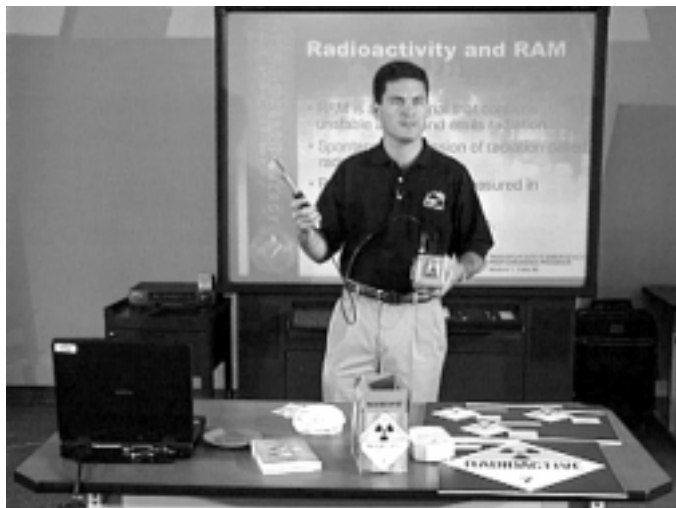


EP on the Move



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Tom Clawson presents MERRTT train-the-trainer in the ITV broadcast

MERRTT Broadcast On ITV

On Aug. 23, the Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) sponsored an interactive television (ITV) satellite broadcast of "Navigating the MERRTT (Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training) CD-ROM." This broadcast was aimed at instructors from DOE and its operating contractors, as well as state and tribal response communities. The broadcast was a pilot to determine if ITV is a viable option for conducting transportation emergency preparedness training. Eighty-one people, including state, tribal, and local participants throughout the DOE complex, viewed the two-hour broadcast. A videotape of the broadcast is available from the Regional TEPP Coordinators. The video can be used by states and tribes to conduct a train-the-trainer course. ♦

TEC Spotlights Emergency Preparedness Resources

The Transportation External Coordination (TEC) Working Group met in July 2000. In addition to the topic group meetings, a breakout session highlighting emergency preparedness resources was conducted. Visit their web site (<http://twilight.saic.com/TECWG>) for an overview of the topic group discussions and the breakout session. ♦

MERRTT TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SCHEDULE

Date	Location	TEPP Contact
Nov. 13-14, 2000	Sacramento, CA	Region 7
Nov. 15-16, 2000	Orange Co., CA	Region 7
Nov. 17-18, 2000	Aiken, SC	Region 3
Dec. 11, 2000	Las Vegas, NV	Region 7
Dec. 15-16, 2000	Barnwell, SC	Region 3
Apr. 26-27, 2001	Tuscaloosa, AL	Region 3

TEPP Teams With EPA/TRANSCAER®

TEPP representatives are participating in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and TRANSCAER® (TRANSPortation Community Awareness and Emergency Response) conferences on hazardous materials transportation incidents. TRANSCAER® is a nationwide community outreach program. It addresses community concerns about the transportation of hazardous materials through planning and cooperation. The program provides assistance for communities to develop and evaluate their emergency response plan for hazardous material transportation incidents. To learn more about the conferences, visit www.epa.gov/ceppo/events.html. ♦

Complimentary CAMEO

The CAMEO (Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations) program is an integrated set of software modules developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the EPA. It helps emergency planners and first responders plan for and respond to chemical accidents. Based on the chemical, CAMEO provides recommendations on fire fighting techniques, physical properties, health hazards, first aid guidance, and spill response. The EPA and NOAA will distribute CAMEO free of charge. For more information, contact Al Brown at brown.alan@epa.gov. ♦

Case Studies On TEPP Web Site

Efforts are underway to add case histories of transportation accidents/incidents (rail, aircraft, and ground transportation modes) involving the shipment of radioactive material to the TEPP web site: www.em.doe.gov/otem. Each event will have links to an accident summary, a list of points of contact for responding organizations, and video clips and/or photographs when available. The case histories can be used with the TEPP Drill-in-a-Box to conduct drills, tabletops, or exercises to enhance the delivery of MERRTT. ♦

Fire Engineering Features TEPP

The online version of the *Fire Engineering* magazine provides industry-related news, current issue articles, and access to searchable editorial archives. As part of an upcoming conference, *Fire Engineering* will feature a TEPP virtual booth, teaser banners, direct mail pieces, and advertisements. Visit the *Fire Engineering* web site: <http://fe.pennwellnet.com/> to see the displays. ♦



Regional Activities



NH Troopers Roy Roberts and Robert Hahnke review materials with Steve Moss in Region 1

TEPP Region 1

The State of New Hampshire Fire Training Academy in Concord was the site of the Region 1 combination kickoff meeting and MERRTT train-the-trainer session from Sept. 14-15.

The event was co-hosted by the New Hampshire Emergency Management Agency Radiological Training Officer and Fire Chief, Training and Certification Bureau, New Hampshire Department of Safety, and the New Hampshire Fire Academy.

Emergency planners, radiological health specialists, fire officers, state police, and radioactive materials instructors/trainers from six of the Region 1 states (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island) participated in the activities. They discussed new developments in TEPP, the emergency response assets under the DOE Radiological Assistance Program, and how the MERRTT training modules might fit into their states' radiological emergency management plans.



Chip Hultquist presents MERRTT train-the-trainer in Region 2

TEPP Region 2

The Region 2 TEPP meeting was held Aug. 29-30, in Memphis, Tennessee. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on TEPP initiatives and to provide training as it relates to MERRTT. Thirty-four speakers/presenters and representatives from Region 2 states attended the meeting. Included were key points-of-contact from Mississippi, Louisiana, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Tennessee as well as representatives from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Baptist Medical Center.

The State of Kentucky provided a testimonial regarding the pertinence of the MERRTT since the training materials focused on transportation emergencies as opposed to fixed facilities. Kentucky has been actively implementing MERRTT training programs and offered two sessions in late September for approximately 60 Kentucky State personnel in emergency management and radiological safety.

TEPP Region 3

Region 3 is coordinating planning efforts to support a dual county (Aiken and Barnwell) exercise. The planning phase includes performing a needs assessment in Barnwell County and reviewing the needs assessment previously conducted in Aiken County.

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Region 3 hosted representatives from the Transportation Department, Emergency Services Department, Savannah River Site Fire Department, and the DOE Region 3 Radiological Assistance Program team during the MERRTT ITV broadcast. A total of 11 trainer/responders attended the training session.

Region 3 staffed the TEPP booth at the State of Georgia Firefighters' Conference held in Valdosta, (Aug. 10-12) and the State of North Carolina Firefighters' Conference held in Greensboro (Aug. 24-26). The booth presentations included the TEPP Planning Tools and MERRTT Program information.

TEPP Region 4

Region 4 continues to make significant inroads with its regional, local, and tribal stakeholders. There was a positive response to the TEPP-sponsored ITV broadcast of "Navigating the MERRTT CD-ROM." Representatives from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety and several tribes, including the San Ildefonso and San Felipe pueblos and the All-Indian Pueblo Council participated. The tribal representatives expressed an interest in participating in future MERRTT train-the-trainer sessions.

On Oct. 25, Region 4 will meet with officials from the Texas Department of Health, Radiological Emergency Preparedness to provide an overview of TEPP products, including the Model Needs Assessment, and to plan for a MERRTT train-the-trainer session. Discussions with the State of Arizona emergency preparedness officials are ongoing to coordinate providing them with similar services.

TEPP Region 5

The Region 5 TEPP meeting was held Aug. 15-18, in Argonne, Illinois. Representatives from six of the ten Region 5 states attended the meeting (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Iowa). Presentations described the TEPP program and its latest initiatives, reviewed the DOE emergency response assets, provided an update on the first Waste Isolation Pilot Plant activities, and discussed the POPEYE exercise.

Participating region states also outlined emergency management outreach activities being undertaken. A MERRTT train-the-trainer session and a Public Information Officer course were conducted.

TEPP Region 6

Region 6 delivered MERRTT to 52 emergency responders in Grand Junction, Colorado, and members of the Grand Junction Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team participated in instrumentation training.

Region 6 participated in Science, Nature, Astronomy, Radiation and Flight (SNARF) science camps this summer. The camps provided hands-on activities for students to explore the atom and how it applies to many different areas of science, such as archeology, astronomy, radiation, and chemistry. Parents view the camps as a wonderful opportunity to learn about science.

Region 6 offered the Public Education Trailer "Rad Experience" in Colorado and Idaho. The "Rad Experience" trailer was featured at four SNARF camps. A total of 243 students, teachers, first responders and various other public visitors toured the trailer in July and August.

TEPP Region 7

Region 7 provided MERRTT training for personnel in Esmeralda County, Nevada (Aug. 19 - 20) and Lincoln County, Nebraska (Sept. 15 - 17). The course will assist the county's instructors in conducting future training.

Region 7 site points of contact have been working extensively with the State of Nevada to improve emergency response capabilities in six counties. The Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) is composed of the county Emergency Directors, members of the State Division of Emergency Management, some elected officials, and DOE representatives. The EPWG conducts frequent meetings to coordinate assistance.

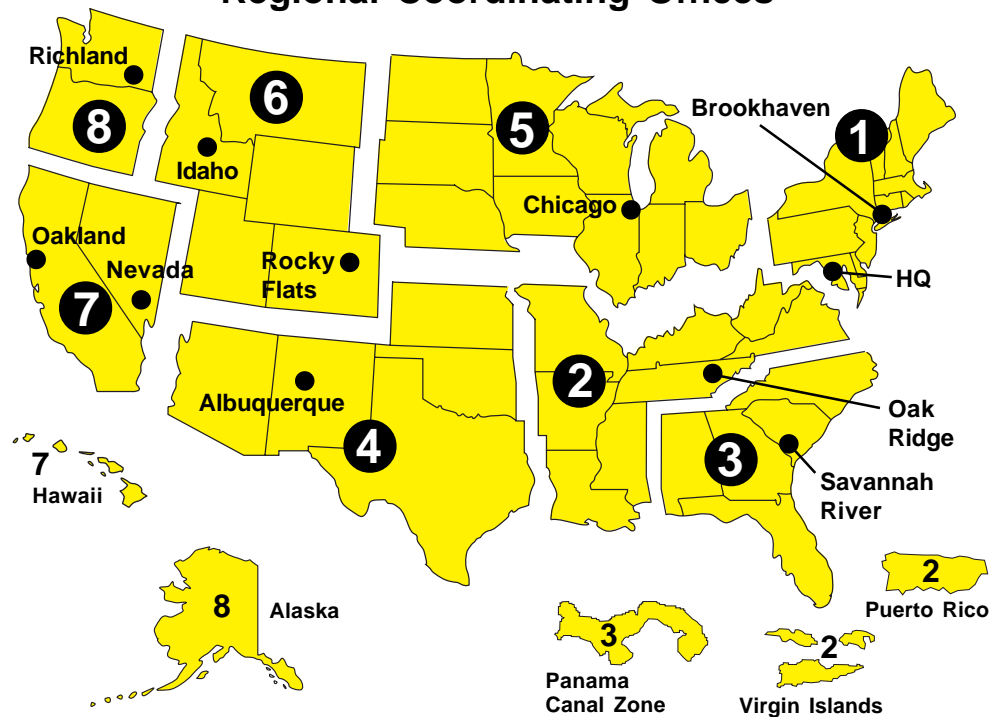
TEPP Region 8

On Sept. 19, Region 8 conducted a tabletop exercise involving a T-3 Cask shipment. The T-3 Cask has been used successfully over the years and is certified as a Type B Package for spent fuel shipments. Type B packages are designed to withstand normal and accident conditions of transport. The probability of a radiological release in an accident involving a T-3 Cask is very small.

Exercise participants reviewed actions required for a transportation emergency involving a radioactive material shipment occurring outside the Hanford Site boundaries. Participants included representatives from DOE-Richland Operations Office, Hanford site, Washington State Patrol, the Richland Fire Department, Benton County Emergency Management, and Washington State Emergency Management.



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Upcoming Events

Nov. 2-4, 2000 • Reno, NV

FIRETECHRENO 2000

For more information, visit www.firetechreno.com

Nov. 28-30, 2000 • Norfolk, VA

US EPA, Region III/TRANSCLEAR® Transportation Hazmat Incident Preparedness Seminar

For more information, call (410) 676-0882

Nov. 28-30, 2000 • San Diego, CA

CSG West Annual Meeting

For more information, call (415) 974-6422 or visit www.csg.org

Dec. 7-11, 2000 • Dearborn, MI

CSG 2000 Annual Meeting and State Leadership Forum

For more information, call (859) 244-8200 or visit www.csg.org

Dec. 11, 2000 • Las Vegas, NV

USDOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grants Program

For more information, call Charles Rogoff (202) 366-0001

Feb. 6-7, 2001 • Portland, OR

Transportation External Coordination Working Group Meeting

For more information, call Sue Martindale (301) 353-8319

Feb. 25 - Mar. 1, 2001 • Tucson, AZ

Waste Management

For information, call (520) 292-5652 or visit www.wmsym.org

Feb. 27-28, 2001 • Las Vegas, NV

TEPP Regions 4, 6, 7, and 8 Conference

For more information, call your TEPP Coordinator.

Feb. 26- Mar. 4, 2001 • Indianapolis, IN

Fire Departments Instructors Conference 2001

For more information, send e-mail to genep@pennwell.com or call 1 (888) 835-3342

Apr. 16-20, 2001 • Atlanta, GA

National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials

For more information, call Dan Roe at (602) 231-6345

Apr. 9-12, 2001 • Harrisburg, PA

National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference

For more information visit www.deq.state.la.us/nrep/

April 22-26, 2001 • Providence, RI

Cooperative Hazardous Materials Enforcement Development Spring Conference

For more information, call Jan Axson at (202) 366-4339.

Apr. 29- May 2, 2001 • Anchorage, AK

Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, 33rd National Conference on Radiation Control

For more information, call Lin Carigan (502) 227-4543 or email lcarigan@crpcpd.org

Dec. 11-14, 2001 • Baltimore, MD

USEPA Region III Chemical Emergency Preparedness & Prevention Conference

For more information, call (410) 676-0882